

BLOWTORCH
July 10th, 2009

Job opportunities have improved in the last 4 weeks; this is due to the busy school construction season.

Tickets are on sale starting the week of July 13th for our annual clambake on September 26th.

REMINDER: Do not forget to contact the Union Hall if you have a change of address and or phone number also if you change job locations and be sure, you call the Union Hall when you go to work. Keep in touch with Bill Kurtz on the latest opportunities. I cannot stress enough the importance of signing the unemployment book at the Hall when you are out of work. This helps us know when you are unemployed and when you become eligible for the Security Benefit Funds. Again, please remember to sign the unemployment book. Make sure that you periodically check your Union Cards to make sure that you are current on dues! It is the member's responsibility to keep track on their dues! Also keep the hall up to date on who you are working for.

The Toll Free phone number for Local 13 is now: #1-800-224-8544.

Local #13's website is up and running at www.ualocal13.org! There is quite a bit of information to be found on the site including agendas, activities and general updates. I encourage you all to check out the site now and throughout the year.

SAVE THE DATE!

Terry Enright MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

When: July 19, 2009 **Where:** Mill Creek Golf Club

Time: 1 O'CLOCK

There will be a golf tournament at Millcreek Country Club on July 19, 2009 @ 1:00PM in memory of Terry Enright. For you younger members, Terry was an officer and active member of Local 13 during the 70's and 80's and retired in mid 90's. He was instrumental in making Local 13 the leading Labor Union that it is today! He is greatly missed by many. For information on the tournament, contact Bill Kurtz at the Union Hall.

REMINDER: Picnic has been changed to August 1st, 2009 !!!!!!!!!!!

Save the Date:

- **2009 - Local #13 Picnic:** Saturday, August 1st, 2009, 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. at Ellison Park, Creekside.
- **2009 - Local #13 Clam Bake** September 26th, 2009

Our Condolences to the Impellizeri Family, Joe Impellizeri passed away.

BENEFITS OFFICE

HEALTHY BLUE MEMBERS

Are you earning cash back through our Healthy Rewards Program?? It is simpler than ever..... learn how to reduce stress, keep a diary of your healthy activities and use online recipes and health topics. Just log on to www.excellusbcb.com/healthyrewards and begin earning your dividends today!

ATTENTION RETIREES—Health Insurance Billing

Just a friendly reminder that you will not be receiving a bill for the August-October quarter. We will be providing you with a yearly pay schedule for your Health Insurance in late December. If you are paying monthly your payment is due by the 15th of the month. If paying quarterly your payment is due by the 15th of the first month of the quarter.

ANNUITY

The 2nd quarter reports should be mailed by July 20, 2009. If you do not receive yours, please contact Joan Termini at x107 to ensure we have your correct address on file. As of July 1, 2009, the Guaranteed Income Fund changed from 3.50% to 2.95%.

PENSION

If you are considering retirement, please stop in the Fund office 90 days prior to your retirement date to complete the necessary paperwork. Call Tricia Marciano at x106 or George Maloney in the Fund Office if you have any questions.

Training NEWS:

Be aware that we started a new group of First Year Apprentices on June 1st. Working in the construction industry can sometimes be dangerous. Work-related accidents can cause serious injuries, even though most of these accidents are preventable. Statistics show that most construction accidents happen to the newest workers. Please watch out for these new Apprentices, and if you see them not working safely, guide them in the safest work practices.

Journeyman and Apprentice School starts up again on Tuesday, September 8th, 2009 the day after Labor Day. All apprentices are required to attend this first school day. If you are interested in taking any of the Continuing Education classes, we offer, please call the Training Office and sign up.

Keep an eye on this column for information on "Green Awareness" classes coming up! I would anticipate that some time in the near future this Awareness Training will be as common as our current OSHA 10 Hour Certification. I will be announcing training dates in the near future. Speaking of OSHA 10, it is becoming increasingly important that you stay current with your 10 Hour OSHA Training. We can probably expect that contractors will want to see no more than 5 years from your training date. This is not a requirement at this time, but it probably will be a requirement soon. Be sure to keep your OSHA 10 card, and all your certification cards in a safe place, so you can produce them when needed for a new contractor or specific jobsite requirement. If you have lost your card, call the Training Office and we can begin the process of getting you a new card.

Next Continuity Session will be on Tuesday, July 21, 2009 @ 4:00 P.M. Our Contractor Representative and our Authorized Testing Representative will be here at that time. All UA certs can be updated on this date. Please check your continuity cards. The Training Office can print up a current Welder / Med Gas continuity card at any time, if you need one. Just call the office and we will prepare it for you. Welder Continuity is the responsibility of the welder. If you are counting on your employer to maintain your continuity you may end up with a lapse, which would require you to retest. You can avoid the possibility of error by coming to the Continuity Session.

Saturday Journeyman welding classes have ended for the summer, and will start back up in September. As you all know, certified welders are always in demand, and improving your skill in this area will help you keep working or get you out quicker if you are not working. We have the best welders in the Local available to help you improve this important skill. Call the Training Office if you have any questions about Welding Classes or Weld Testing. A summary of the 2008 Welding Tests are on the Local 13 Website - www.ualocal13.org

Please remember that all First and Second Year Apprentice get Monthly Evaluations by their Forman. These evaluations help the JATC to identify and correct any problems our apprentice may be running into. We also encourage the job supervisor to review these evaluations with each apprentice, so they can understand the areas where they need to improve and recognize where they are doing well. A few moments of your time on the jobsite can make a big difference. Third, Fourth and Fifth year Apprentices get evaluations every 6 months.

As always, we remind you that all out of town seminar reimbursements must have two weeks prior approval from the JATC. We require a Certificate of Completion within 90 days from the date of the course in order for the member to be reimbursed for these training seminars. Forms are available on the Training Web Site at www.ualocal13.com. Thanks!

Jerry Landers, Training Coordinator

**ELECTION – JULY 21st, 2009
TIME - 3:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.**

Vice President: **Seve Yatteau
Rob Quinn**

Annuity: **Kevin Peri
Dave Giacalone**

Retiree's Club

Thanks to everyone who helped with the clean up and to all who brought a dish to pass. Our next Retiree luncheon will be July 14th, 2009 our meal is hamburgs, hots sausage and chicken. Please feel free to bring a dish to pass. We have a stove hooked up for your convenience in case you bring something that needs cooking or warming. Bob Crowell won free dues and Eric Renz won \$25 Gift Certificate

*The next Regular Union Meeting is July 21st @ 5:00 P.M. Please stay informed and come to the union meeting. Mike Owen won free dues in June meeting. ***NOTE* Union Meeting is one week earlier for the month of JULY***

John Perticone, Business Manager